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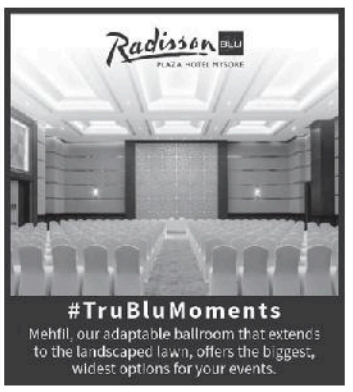
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Pages missing from MUDA files

600 site allotment papers torn from 300 files

Officers now scramble to verify beneficiaries

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Apr. 23- Today is Fourth Saturday, a Government holiday. But over 40 staff from Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) are at work inside their sections from early in the morning. **Reason:** To search for missing site allotment papers that have been torn away from the original files.

Over 300 pages that contain 600 site allotment documents (each page has two site papers) in various layouts formed by MUDA are missing. The scam came to light during the process of digitisation of all land records. A majority of files that have been tampered with are from Vijayanagar First, Second, Third and Fourth Stage and Devanur First and Second Stage.

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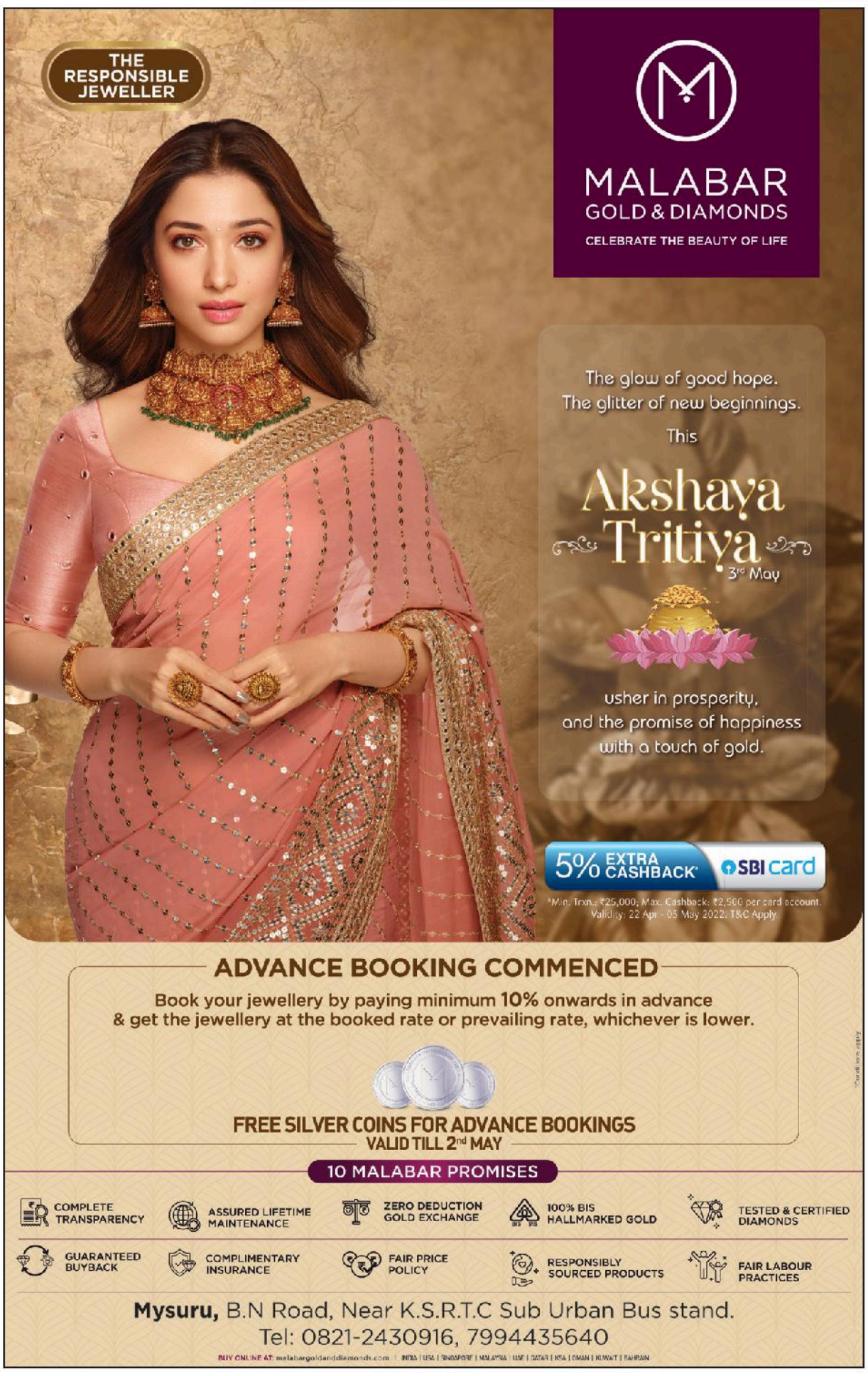
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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 23rd April 2022

Free distribution of food grains for BPL and APL Card holders

Mysuru, Apr. 23- Department of Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, through its Public Distribution System (PDS), is distributing food grains to the beneficiaries released under various programmes of the Union Government "National Food Security Act (NSFA)" and "Pradhanmantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)", for the month of April-2022.

Under the Antyodaya Scheme, 20 kg of Rice and 20 kg of Ragi and 5 kg of Rice per unit will be distributed free of cost.

Under Priority House Hold (PHH) BPL programme, 4 kg of Rice and 1 kg of Ragi per unit, an additional 1 kg per unit and under priority quota, 5 kg of Rice per unit will be distributed free of cost.

Under Non Priority House Hold (NPHH) Scheme APL Card holder will get Rice at Rs. 15 per kg. A single member card will be given 5 kg rice and for APL cards with two or more members 10 kg of rice. The card holders can get their food grains at any food price depots of their choice since the Government has given the facility of portability of ration card across fair price depots of district/State.

In Mysuru district, there are 50,546 Antyodaya, 6,52,044 BPL and 1,06,972 APL cards totalling 8,09,562 ration cards. From the 1st of every month till the last day and from 7 am to 8 pm the food grains will be distributed under NFSA & PMGKAY programmes. Also E-KYC work of remaining members of ration cards can also be done during the hours. The card holders are asked to get their quota of food grains immediately after the completion of KYC work.

A final deadline of April end has been fixed to complete the KYC procedures and no fee is required to be paid to get the KYC jobs done. Ration card holders must follow COVID-19 protocols while visiting fair price depots. Any complaint regarding the PDS may be given to the respective Tahsildar Office or Joint Director Office Food and Civil Supplies Department.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

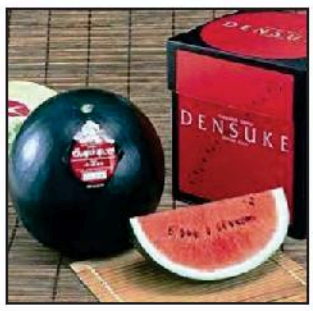
The small but steady uptick in COVID cases in Delhi and adjoining NCR cities in Haryana and UP is a warning for the rest of the country that COVID isn't over. The pandemic has been tamed to a great extent in terms of the metric that matters most now: hospitalisation.

The relaxation of mask mandates by Maharashtra and Delhi after the third wave ebbed was hugely premature. Adherence to masking helped slow down infection spread and must be enforced again with monetary fines. India's slow progress on administering booster doses and child vaccination is another key reason to stay masked. Just 1.5 lakh "precaution doses" have been administered, a week into the booster programme for the 18-59 age group. Meanwhile, 20 crore doses are lying unused with States. Reducing the gap for the booster from nine months presently to six months is absolutely essential if another wave's coming.

Vaccination for the 12-14 group is moving slowly too. Only a third of this age group has got their first doses after a month of the vaccination window opening. Schools reporting COVID cases are suspending physical classes, which is unfortunate given the two years of schooling children lost to the pandemic. Accelerating child vaccination now will help ensure that by summer's end all children are inoculated. With citizens now entering a stage of complacency, the onus is on authorities to fill gaps in disease surveillance and virus suppression. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Densuke – The World's expensive watermelon



Hokkaido: Of the more than 1,200 varieties of watermelon grown around the world, none is more expensive than the famous Densuke black watermelon. It is grown only on the northern island of Hokkaido, in small quantities that exceed 100 units per year. The few fruits available every year are auctioned off for $1000. The most expensive Densuke watermelon in history was auctioned in 2019, for a whopping 750,000 Japanese yen. Known for their black and shiny exterior, Densuke watermelons are said to have a crisp flesh, a higher level of sweetness than other watermelon. Densuke can usually be bought at prices starting at around $250 per fruit. Like most other luxury products, Densuke come packaged in beautifully-decorated cubic cardboard boxes. It's not clear why the Densuke Watermelon is not yet widely grown outside of Japan.g

World's oldest lemurs celebrate birthday

Philadelphia: The world's oldest blue-eyed black lemurs, Stewart and Bardot, are celebrating their birthdays, the Philadelphia Zoo Officials announced.

Stewart turned 32 this past week, making him the oldest male blue-eyed black lemur, and Bardot turned 30, making her the oldest female blue-eyed black lemur.

Blue-eyed black lemurs and spider monkeys are the only two primates other than humans that have true blue eyes. Blue-eyed black lemurs are sexually dimorphic, which gives males and females different colours. Stewart has black fur while Bardot has tan fur.

The species is critically endangered and are considered to be one of the most threatened primates on the planet.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Accidents and trauma can lead to brain stroke due to damaged blood vessels in the brain. Wear helmets to avoid injuries to the head.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A R - Consultant Neurosurgeon
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BEML bags order from Coal India for Electric Rope Shovel

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Mysuru, Apr. 23- BEML Limited, a Government of India Undertaking under Ministry of Defence, has signed a prestigious contract with Coal India Ltd. for supply of 20 Cu. M Electric Rope Shovel for deployment in the Mines of M/s. Northern Coalfields Ltd. The contract is valued at Rs.118 crore.

This 20 Cu. M Electric Rope Shovel is designed and developed indigenously by BEML under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. This project would not only enable the country to achieve self-reliance in this class of product but also save huge outgoing foreign exchange.

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Stray dog menace at Gokulam

Sir,

Stray dogs at Gokulam area have become a huge nuisance and not to mention that many are pampered by the residents.

Evening walkers feel scared, as some dogs look ferocious. An elderly person managed to save himself from rampaging dogs, a few days ago.

Also, many dog lovers take their pet dogs ostensibly for a walk, but the dogs leave behind loads of poops on road sides. The dog owners should pick up the dog excreta and dispose it safely in the bins.

Can the authorities help to manage canine menace, in this peaceful locality?

—Brij Khandelwal
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NEWS BRIEFS

Lecture this evening

As part of its lecture series, the city's J.P. Nagar Sharanavedike has organised a lecture at Akkamahadevi Statue premises on Akkamahadevi Road in J.P. Nagar today (Apr. 23) at 6.30 pm. Hosamutt Seer Chidananda Swamiji will grace the occasion. Vedike President S. Puttarajappa will preside. MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh will be the Chief Guest. Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandeesh Hanche will deliver 'Nudi Namana'.

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Apr. 25 between 10 am and 2 pm in the following areas: Badamakan, Subhashnagar surrounding areas of N.R. Mohalla, according to a press release.

Arthritis Camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a Gouty Arthritis Camp from Apr. 25 to Apr. 30 at its premises near Lalitha Mahal helipad. Patients with complaints of pain in big toe, foot and other joints with swelling may attend the camp. [Mob: 84314-44499 or Ph: 0821-2548231/ 2548433].

Musical Nite

As part of birth anniversary of thespian Dr. Rajkumar, the city's Madhuragana Kalavrunda will be presenting Dr. Rajkumar Musical Nite at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road at 5.30 pm on Apr. 25. Marking the occasion, 'Yeradu Nakshatragalu', a special issue will released. [99003-71796].

KSOU convocation on Apr. 25 after a gap of three years

Honorary doctorates for A.V.S. Murthy, E.S. Chakravarthy and Anand Sankeshwar

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (MTY&DM)- The 17th convocation of Mysuru-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) will take place at the University's Convocation Hall in Mukthagangothri campus along Hunsur Road at 11am on Apr. 25.

Announcing this at a press meet at KSOU Guest House here this morning, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar said that A.B. Basavaraju, Director (Technical), Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Bio-Technology, Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, will deliver the Convocation address. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of KSOU, will preside. Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Aswhathnarayan will be present, he said.

Honorary doctorate degrees (Honoris Causa) will be conferred on three personalities- A.V.S. Murthy, Honorary Secretary, Rashtriya Shikshana Samiti Trust (Rashtriya Vidyalaya Group of Institutions), Bengaluru, E.S. Chakravarthy, Vice-President and Global Head, Research Management Group, TATA Consultancy Services and Anand Sankeshwar, Managing Director of VRL Group.

Dr .Vidyashankar said that the University had recommended five names this time and three of them were approved for honorary doctorate degree.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar addressing a press meet at KSOU Guest House in city this morning as University Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. K.B. Praveena and Registrar Dr. R. Rajanna look on.

Continuing, he said that a total of 8,338 students admitted in the academic years 2018, 2019 and 2020 will receive their degrees (graduate and post-graduate). Also, 31 candidates (20 men and 11 women) will receive their Ph.D degree, he said, adding that 48 gold medals and 38 cash prizes are awarded this year.

Of the 8,338 students (3,272 Male and 5,066 female), 2,855 are students of humanities subjects, 2776 of social sciences subjects, 1,582 of commerce subjects, 467 of education, 152 of management subjects and 506 of sciences, library and information science, he noted.

The convocation is being held after a gap of three years, he added. University Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. K.B. Praveena and Registrar Dr. R. Rajanna were present at the press meet.

A.V.S. Murthy

A.V.S. Murthy is a renowned educationist, able administrator and public servant. A top ranker engineering graduate, he has served as Pro-Chancellor of Bengaluru's R.V. University and as vice-president of several educational trusts, rendering exceptional service in the area of education. He has been conferred Rajyotsava Award by the Karnataka Government.

Anand Sankeshwar

Anand Sankeshwar is Managing Director of VRL Group, a renowned Logistics Company. A successful entrepreneur, he has been conferred numerous national and international awards and accolades in recognition of his leadership qualities and service.

E.S. Chakravarthy

E.S. Chakravarthy is an acclaimed academician and administrator. As Vice-President and Global head –Resource Management Group of TATA consultancy Services (TCS), Bengaluru, he has championed the company's initiatives and methodologies in the field of business excellence, sales and delivery and human resource management. Besides, he is a motivational speaker and a recipient of many awards and prizes.

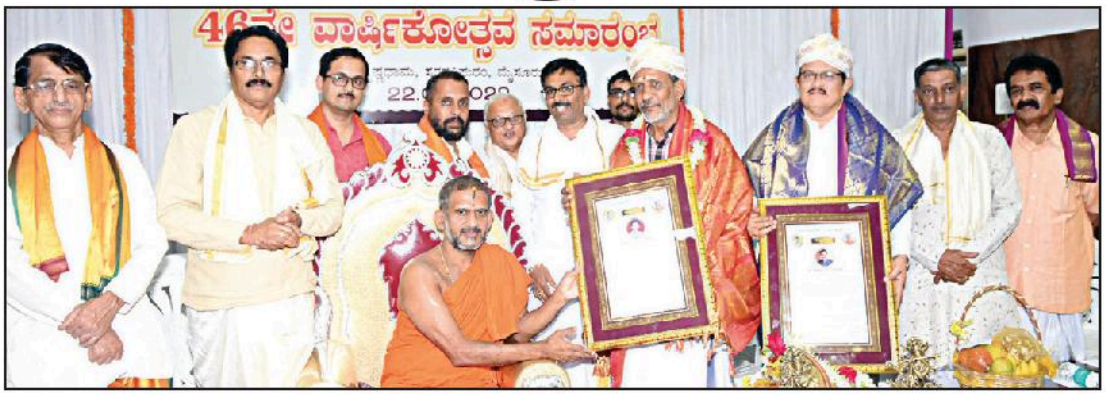
Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer calls for saving culture

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (SBD&DM)- Stressing on the need for saving our culture, which has come to us through our ancestors, Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji said that this culture should be passed on to future generations.

He was speaking at the 46th anniversary of Sri Krishna Mitra Mandali at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram here yesterday.

Pointing out that our culture, customs, traditions, language and the like needs to be conserved, Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji opined that future generations would blame us if we do not do so.

Noting that in the past, recitation of 'Mantras' could be heard in the morning and bhajans in the evening at homes, the Seer said that with the advent of television and mobile phones, all these have been given a go by, which does not augur well.



Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji felicitating Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj and actor N. Balasubramanya (Subbanna) during Sri Krishna Mitra Mandali's 46th anniversary celebrations at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram yesterday.

Contending that our life should not be restricted for our own, he said that the society too should be taken along in growth.

Writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj said, it is disappointing that Tulu literature is not being taught in any educational institutions. Emphasising on the need for establishing a 'Tulu Research Foundation,' he said that elderly personalities should guide the activities of this Foundation.

Pointing out that America's Shivalli Families have launched an online Tulu language learning programme, he regretted that we are forgetting many Tulu words as we are using English words.

Recalling his association with Udupi's Pejawar Mutt, Dr. Bharadwaj said that he has come thus far in life by growing up with the environs of Udupi.

Earlier, Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj and actor N. Balasubramanya (Subbanna) were felicitated on the occasion. Also, 'Mitra Parichaya' book was released on the occasion.

Vidushi Divya Giridhar and Vidwan Anantaraj Mistry presented a 'Dasavani' music concert.

Sri Krishna Mitra Mandali President P.S. Chandrashekar, Secretary Srikant Rao, office-bearers Muralidhar Bhat, C.J. Mohan, Padmanabha Bhat, Sridhar and others were present.

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Vaccination for children aged between 5 and 12 years soon: Dr. K. Sudhakar

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (DM)- Health & Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that with a possible fourth wave of COVID pandemic looming large, the Government has begun preparations for vaccinating children aged between 5 and 12 years.

Dr. Sudhakar

He was speaking to press persons after taking part in the 9th International Congress of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India, at Sri Rajendra Auditorium in JSS Medical College campus here yesterday. Pointing out that COVID cases are yet again on the uptick in some parts of the country, Dr. Sudhakar said that the Centre has evolved plans for vaccinating children aged between 5 and 12 years as a precautionary measure.

Noting that COVID cases are on the rise in Western countries as well, he said that the people must get vaccinated voluntarily for their own health. Stressing on the need for everyone to get second dose of vaccination, Dr. Sudhakar also advocated that all eligible should also get precautionary dose for their own safety and health.

Asking people to wear mask at public places, he maintained that the Government has not yet made mask-wearing compulsory and impose fine on defaulters. But it is all the more better if people wear mask on their own and for their own well-being, he added.

Summer vacation cut; schools to start from May 16

Bengaluru, Apr. 23 (SSM)- With at least 40 percent loss of physical classes, besides loss of learning for students due to pandemic over the past two academic years, the Department of Education has come up with a new academic calendar for the academic year 2022-23. The year will begin early and end late, with 26 extra days to compensate for learning loss.

The first term of the academic year will begin from May 16 and end on Oct. 2, 2022. The second will begin from Oct. 17, 2022 and end on Apr. 10, 2023. Summer holidays will be cut to 48 days and Dasara holidays to 14 days. Wherever Christmas holidays need to be declared, Dasara holidays will be cut even more.

Among 330 days, there will be 60 days of holidays, including Dasara, summer and Government holidays. Co-curricular activities, exams, parent-teacher meetings, excursions and functions will take up 28 days, so that the classes will be conducted on the remaining 228 days. The number of classes in a day will also be increased. The school timing from this academic year will be from 10 am to 4.20 pm.

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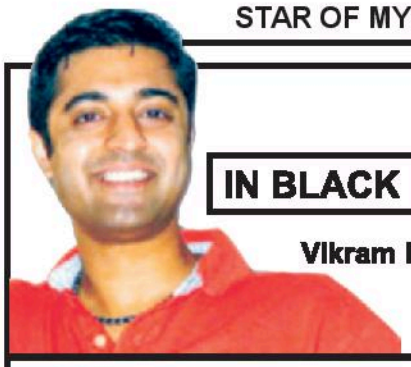

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Rains, weak trees and BUILDINGS

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: ***Pic. 1-2: 'Shaktiman' operates on the main road near City Railway Station and a work-in-progress underground cabling job. Pic. 3: A huge dilapidated building on K.T. Street in Mandi Mohalla collapsed on Nov. 18, 2021. Pic. 4: Century-old Lansdowne Building's roof crashed in 2012. Pic. 5: A portion of the Devaraja Market building collapsed in 2016.***

We all love a good monsoon, but we also dread it. From mid-June through the end of September, the monsoon brings torrential rain, violent thunderstorms and high wind, turning trees and old properties into death traps.

This year, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been proactive and has surveyed to identify weak trees that pose a threat to safety. They're awaiting the Forest Department's approval to prune and cut them. We worry that all this pruning and cutting will become unsafe to the public. Will 'Shaktiman' end up becoming a traffic hazard?

'Shaktiman' is the name of a tree pruning machine the MCC bought in 2019. MCC was the first civic body in Karnataka to have this machine that they said could be operated by one man and cut trees without posing a risk, even in crowded places. While they say there is no risk, a colossal machine operated by a human being in the daytime while blocking traffic and trying to cut and prune trees is a risk.

Hence, we must ask, why are public works not undertaken during the night? In most countries, all city maintenance work, from cleaning the roads to pruning the trees, is done at night when the public is least disturbed, so why not follow the same practice here in our city?

In 2019, the Delhi Transport Minister Gopal Rai directed all three, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), Public Works Department (PWD) and Delhi Jal Board, to carry out construction and repair works only at night.

This 2022, tree pruning and cutting drive took me back 11 years ago to 2011, when an unprofessional and irresponsible public work led to the death of my friend Prarthana Shenoy, then just (33) and a young mother of two.

In 2011, Prarthana and her family were driving on National Highway 212, (now renamed as NH 766) which goes through Gundlupet. They were on their way to Ooty for a holiday. They were stopped and asked to wait as a huge banyan tree was being cut for road widening.

The unscientific tree cutting method brought the massive tree crashing on Prarthana's car. She lost her life. Two children were left without a mother.

All of us have seen how, at 9 am peak hour traffic, Government contractors paint a zebra crossing blocking one part of the road and creating a bottleneck. Laying cables in the middle of the day is a common sight across the city. Why can't these activities be conducted at night or during the wee hours of the morning when vehicular traffic is at its minimum?

During these hours, the public is not disturbed, the economy is not affected, life is not at risk and road rage is non-existent. Moreover, it is easier to see a well-lit coloured light and warning signs from a distance at night than during the day.

But then we do not follow proper safety protocol either. We do not place appropriately sized signages and warning boards much ahead of the actual location. Because of this, motorists do not have enough time to react and slow down! Every public work suddenly pops up like a jack in the box.

Even road hump signages, instead of being placed much ahead of the hump, are placed right next to the road hump, defeating the very purpose of the warning signage. It's like hanging the 'beware of dog' sign next to the doorbell instead of being displayed at the front gate.

As monsoon approaches, our city has another problem, weak structures that tend to collapse. In December 2021, after a few houses caved in, the MCC conducted a survey and found our city has 173 buildings in a dilapidated state. Which means they are inhabitable and need to be demolished.

Based on the report, the MCC has begun issuing notices to the owners of such buildings. But the owners have failed to act. The MCC now says that using its powers bestowed by the Karnataka Municipalities Act, it plans to raze the structures on its own and collect costs incurred for demolition from the building owners. We doubt this will happen. Instead, looks like the buildings will collapse, people will die, and taxpayers will pay compensation, just like it happened in Lansdowne Building.

In the case of heritage structures like Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building, we have to be honest and ask ourselves — **do we want them for their heritage value or for cheap rent and location? If the answer is heritage value, restore them for visual appeal and don't let them out for business.** If it is for both, concern for heritage and "capitalist" endeavour of having a shop in a prime business area for cheap rent, then be ready to pay to restore these structures, which is a costly affair.

All buildings get old and need fixing or rebuilding, or restoring as in the case of heritage structures, but it should also be viable to fix them. It is unfair to spend crores and crores on a building that will not have any return on investment. And in a developing nation like ours, where money is needed in so many other spheres, we can't afford to waste money on restoring structures, only for them to be rented out for a pittance.

So if these two heritage structures can be restored on a fiscally reasonable budget and the tenants agree to pay the rent amount worthy of a shop in the Central Business District, it makes sense to go ahead. Else it only makes sense to rebuild these structures, retaining the same design and grandeur of the original structures with ample parking space and other public amenities, which are lacking presently. It will probably cost less than restoring it.

Safety should always be the priority in public spaces. When Barack Obama came to India, some may remember that the Indian government made sure all the coconut trees around Gandhi Museum were trimmed, and the coconuts were removed. The officer in charge said, "Why take a chance?" Why aren't the same safety measures applied to our citizens?

The Indian Penal Code 303(A) says: "Whoever causes the death of any person by doing any rash or negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide, shall be punished with imprisonment or fine, or both." This IPC Section applies to the Government too, and maybe it's time for people to use this law to make sure public works do not become hazardous to the public.

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Pages missing from MUDA files

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Based on the directive of MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, over 40 staff including MUDA Secretary Venkataraju, all MUDA Zonal Tahsildars, Engineers, Site Section Officers and Site Allotment Section Officers are working without a break to search for original documents, verify the names of allottees and at the same time digitise records. However, it is not sure when the papers were torn from the original files. The files are usually kept in safe custody and only a handful of officials would have access. MUDA is digitising all land records to prevent misuse and this tampering came to light during the digitisation process.

The files have been damaged with an intention of allotting the sites to people other than the beneficiaries. In many cases, the MUDA site allottees do not pay up the minimum site price and in this case, the site will be allotted to someone else. Also, there might be cases of impersonation. With the original documents missing, there is no way of verifying the documents that have been handed over to the beneficiaries. Also, site papers can be recreated and can be sold to other parties for a higher price. "This scam will not come to light as certain MUDA officials are hand in glove with brokers and real estate agents. This is the reason why the original files are tampered with. If the root document is missing, it is difficult to trace who the original beneficiary is and who has actually got the site," sources said.

While the 600 missing papers from 300 files are predominantly from areas of Vijayanagar First, Second, Third and Fourth Stage and Devanur First and Second Stage, there are other areas too and the actual number of documents missing and their areas will be known only after the full audit is done. Each file has to be checked with other available records to identify and ascertain the real beneficiaries. And moreover, the officials who have torn away the pages have to be brought to book and disciplinary action must be taken against them, sources added.

Integrated farming by two Talur brothers impresses Minister

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (RKB&TRR)- State Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil inaugurated 'Raitharondige Ondu Dina' (A Day with Farmers) programme organised by the State Agriculture and Horticulture Departments yesterday at Talur in Jayapura Hobli.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that agriculture is becoming a neglected sector. The farmers are considering it as financially non-viable. "To infuse confidence among farmers and encourage them to take up agriculture, the State Government has implemented various programmes and 'Raitharondige Ondu Dina' is one among them which intends to know the problems faced by the farmers from the ground level by spending a day with them," he said.

The Minister disclosed that he is spending a day with the farmers of all districts and said that he has already visited 15 districts and advised the farmers to make use of all the facilities provided by the Government.

The Minister urged the farming community to take up integrated farming which includes poultry, fish rearing, livestock and decorative flower growing instead of depending on one or two traditional crops so that they can be financially strong and also to make use of the financial assistance schemes initiated by the Union and State Governments in this regard.

Later, Patil interacted with farmers and also visited the farm lands of T.S. Somashekar, a progressive farmer of Talur and his brother T.S. Shivanna and evinced keen interest in knowing the integrated farming being practised by the two brothers. He expressed his happiness after seeing the integrated farming of the two brothers.

The land cultivated by the two brothers is surrounded by many new and upcoming residential layouts and the brothers have so far successfully thwarted the efforts of the land mafia to acquire their land and have introduced and implemented a progressive agriculture system which is a good mix of tradition and technology.

The two brothers are growing papaya and mango in addition to the banana plantation. Bee-keeping (apiculture) is also being successfully carried out here. Making use of the rain harvesting facility, pisciculture (fish farming) is also done using water ponds apart from using the rain water for crops.

'Gerbera,' a decorative flower, used for wedding ceremonies, which has good commercial value is also grown. Farmer T.S. Somashekar said that by growing 'Gerbera' alone, he is earning Rs. 5 lakh per month as the flower has huge demand during wedding season and various other functions.

District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar appreciated Minister Patil's effort of visiting every district and interacting with farmers and solving their problems.

The Minister distributed tractors, rotavators and other agricultural equipments to the farmers on the occasion. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, CADA Chairman N. Shivalingaiah, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Agriculture Department Director Dr. C.N. Nandini Kumari, KVIB Chairman N.R. Krishnappa Gowda, farmers and other officials were present.

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Mega mango mela next month

Luscious fruits likely to turn expensive, particularly premium varieties

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (MK&BCT)- If you're a fruit lover and have a deep desire of relishing succulent mangoes, this year's mega mango mela is the place for you. After a gap of two years, the mango mela will be back at the end of next month (May) and the exact date will be confirmed by the Department of Horticulture.

It is usually held at the peak of summer season where varieties of mangoes are put on display to the visitors and are sold in large numbers. They include the popular as well as some rare species. Through this exhibition, different types of mangoes from all over the country are brought together in one place, and trading of the fruit is encouraged.

This year, the mela will be jointly organised by Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Ltd (KSMD) and the Department of Horticulture (Zilla Panchayat). "We are planning to bring the best fruits under one platform and benefit farmers by providing them with direct marketing options. The pandemic forced us to scrap mango melas in 2020 and 2021," Rudresh, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Mysuru said.

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More than 15 varieties of mangoes will be kept on display and sale including Rathnagiri Alphonso, Badami, Raspuri, Sendhura, Neelam, Amrapali, Kesar, Baganapalli, Malagova, Totapuri, Dussheri, and Mallika.

The mela will be open for farmers from other districts too. "Prolonged rain last year that increased moisture in the soil is one of the reasons for the delayed flowering and also crop damage. This is the fourth straight year of mango farmers suffering crop losses. As the yield falls, farmers are now pinning hopes that the prices will shoot up," he added.

The yield this season would only be around 30 to 40 percent of a normal year. The Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Ltd. estimates that the yield this year will be around 8 lakh metric tonnes, as against a normal yield in the range of 14-16 lakh metric tonnes. In Mysuru, about 6,000 tonnes of fruit is expected from the district this year.

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For more information about the mela, growers can contact the Department of Horticulture on **Ph: 0821-2977572, 2422255 or Mob: 9980007556.** They can register for the mela by May 5 and a meeting will be held on May 7 with the growers to decide on the date, venue and duration of the mango mela.

Historic temple near Bylakuppe neglected

Bylakuppe, Apr. 23 (Rajesh& BCT)- While there are many temples on the Mysuru-Kushalnagar route that attract hundreds of devotees, there is a Ranganathaswamy Temple built by the Hoysalas located on top of a hill amidst the thick jungle.

Though the Ranganathaswamy Temple or Lakshmi Ranganathaswamy Temple has a great historical value, it lies in a state of neglect. It is governed by the Muzrai Department and maintenance of Rs. 48,000 per year is paid to the temple every year. It has been classified as a Grade C temple. The temple is located at Chikkhonnur near Periyapatna Taluk and is locally known as Honnurayya. Idols of Ranganathaswamy, Lakshmi and Padmavathi are carved inside and pujas are held every day.

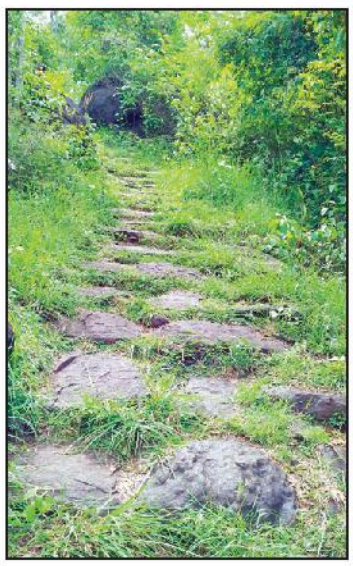
The Hoysalas built the temple roughly 900 years ago though there is no record of this in the form of inscriptions. Some historians say that this temple was built by Cholas and not Hoysalas. Legends say that rulers of the region used to climb the hillock on foot to visit the Temple wherever they won a war.

The hill temple is about 82 kms from Mysuru and there are only stone steps to reach the top of the hill. It is an ideal place for trekkers and photography enthusiasts. One can see footprints on the rocks that are surrounded by snake figurines and carvings. The local residents believe that the footprints are of Lord Ranganathaswamy.

The hill is located amidst jungle, a reserve forest, and has jaw-dropping views from the top. The trek usually takes about 45 minutes to one hour and the view gets better as the mountain is scaled. Below the hill, there is a lake filled with refreshingly fresh water and the locals call it Ingala Lake.

One can reach the base of the hill at Honnuru village and trek a height of 300 to 500 metres from the base to reach the temple. The Vaishnava Samaj has taken over the responsibility of performing the rituals at the temple and they have been doing this for many generations. The priests stay in Chikkhonnur. The temple gets many devotees from Kodagu, Mysuru, Mandya, Bengaluru, Tumakuru and Hassan.

The temple fair is held annually during Karthika Month. Special rituals are held every Saturday, during feast days and all days of Karthika month. Though the temple is steeped in history and though it is located on the Mysuru-Kodagu tourism belt, nothing much has been done to improve its condition.



Black stone boulders have been placed from the base to the Temple that act as steps. There is a need to construct concrete steps with railings so that devotees are not exhausted from climbing. Concrete steps can also act as a place to take some rest.

Temple priest Vittal said that the structure of the temple needs urgent repairs and the walls and ceiling have developed cracks due to rain and high-velocity wind.

There is also a demand from the villagers for a watchtower and a rest house to attract tourists. But as it is a reserve forest, the permission for any construction has to be accorded by the Forest Department.

Embryo Milana 2022 - connecting
India's embryologists held in city

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (OSR)- Embryo Milana-2022, an 'All India Budding Embryologists' meet was held in city this morning. The event was the first ever of its kind in India. It is a platform where senior embryologists and budding embryologists meet to share their knowledge, new innovations and experiences.

The meet was held in the campus of International Institute of Assisted Reproductive Technology and Research Centre on Nanjangud Road and the Centre is headed by Dr. Shilpa Santhrupth and Dr. M.S. Srinivas.

The meet was inaugurated by Dr. S.S Malini chairperson Department of Genetics and Genomics, University of Mysore, Dr. Chaitra Narayan, Syndicate member, University of Mysore (UoM), Dr. Divyashree, fertility specialist, Genea Fertility Centre, Bengaluru and Swaminathan Dakshinamurthy, senior embryologist, Santhathi IVF Centre, Mangaluru.

Various inter-college competitions like poster and paper presentation, quiz and pick and speak were held and moderated by various eminent experts such as Dr. Jayshree, unit head, Department of OBG, JSS Hospital, Dr. Manohar, Department of OBG, MIMS, Mandya and Dr. Ravi Kumar, professor, Department of Life Sciences, Bangalore University.

More than 250 embryologists from all over India attended the meet and took part with zeal and shared their knowledge and clinical experiences.

The organising committee included senior embryologists Sanket Dhumal Sathya, Hemant Kumar, T.S. Abhishek and Mir Sameem Raza. The event was able to achieve its mission of connecting the embryologists all over India.

Goods mini lorry with
rose wood logs seized

Hunsur, Apr. 23 (Raghu & BNR)- Acting on a tip off, the Forest Department personnel have seized a goods mini lorry near Nellurpala in Hunsur taluk which was illegally transporting logs of rose wood (beete tree) in the wee hours of Thursday.

Details: Following an information that seven logs of rose wood was being illegally transported from Gaddehalla in Suntikoppa of Kodagu to Kerala via Balele in a goods mini lorry by covering it with sacks of ginger, RFO Nandakumar and team had put up near Nellurpala. The team which noticed a goods mini lorry carrying ginger at around 2 am on Thursday, followed the same and stopped the vehicle when the driver escaped from the scene leaving behind the vehicle, said DCF Seema.

Rs. 8 lakh worth tree logs and vehicle has been seized in the operation and it has been found that the vehicle is registered in the name of Harish Kumar of Chattimani of Shuntikoppa, confirmed RFO Nandakumar.

Now, suspicion has raised as to how the goods mini lorry passed through Kushalnagar Forest check-post in Kodagu by hoodwinking Forest Dept. personnel. Sources said similar incident of illegal transportation of Beete Tree in a lorry is said to have happened two months back.

RFO Nandakumar, DRFO Mallikarjun, Harish, Forester Devaiah, driver Manohar and Siddamalla took part in the operation.

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Orissa Association Mysore to celebrate
Utkal Divas and Cauvery Dance Festival

Mysuru, Apr. 23- Orissa Association Mysore, in collaboration with Vishvakshema Trust, Belagola, will celebrate Utkal Divas 2022 and Inaugural Cauvery Dance Festival in the premises of the ancient temple of Sri Venkateswara and Bhoga Narasimha with consorts Sridevi and Bhudevi, situated on the banks of Cauvery, Srinivasa Kshetra, Belagola, Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district, tomorrow (April 24) between 4 pm and 6 pm.

Ubhaya Vedaanta Vidwan Sri Viraraghavacharya Swamy, Founder of Acharya Vishvakshema Trust, will be the chief guest.

The programme features *puja* to Lord Venkateswara and Bhoga Narasimha and dance recital by Sindhukiran (Odissi), Shree Krupa (Bharatanatyam and Mohini Nrutya), M.D. Preehi (Odissi).

For details, contact Mob: 94493-23635.

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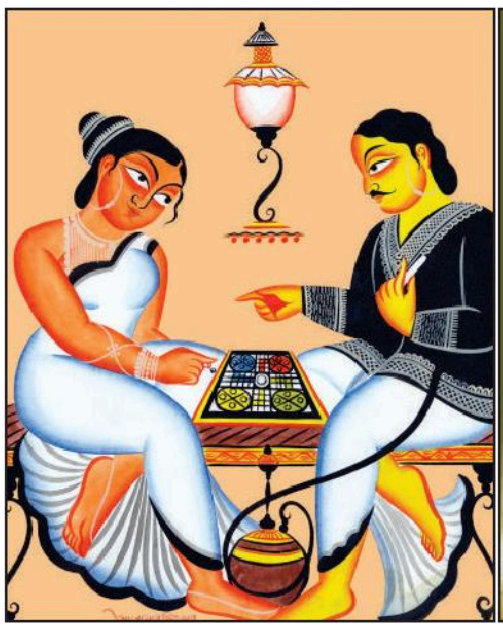
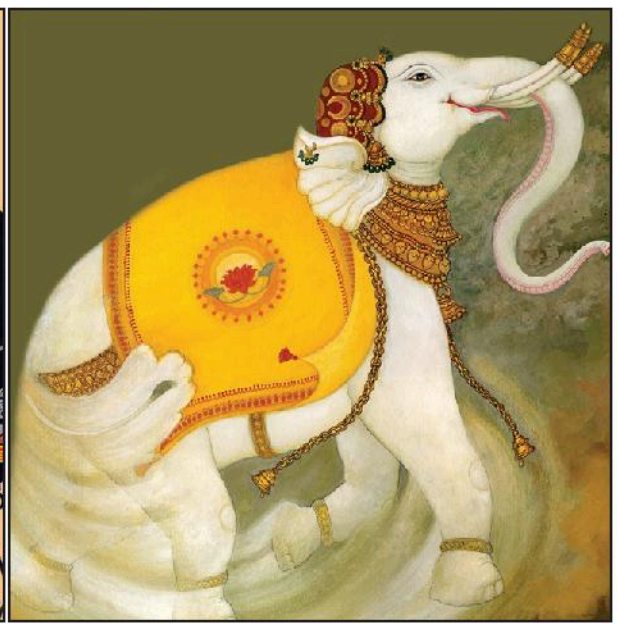
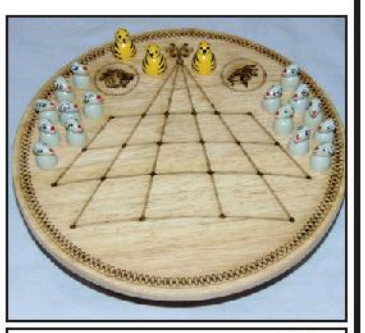
Kreedaa Kaushalya and Hasti Mangala

Twin exhibitions to mark 50th anniversary of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana







Handicrafts Sales Emporium, popularly known as Ramsons, was founded by late D. Ram Singh in the year 1970. Since past 52 years, this store is well-known for quality handicrafts items like sandalwood artefacts, wooden furniture, metal and stone icons, dolls, board games, textiles, jewellery and giftware.

The unique aspect of Ramsons is the fact they have their own design wing which constantly brings out new products after diligent research into the needs and demands of customers. The annual exhibition of dolls (Bombe Mane) and the biennial exhibition of board games (Kreedaa Kaushalya) are enough to substantiate Ramsons commitment to uphold art, craft and culture of our land.

The 50th anniversary celebrations of Ramsons were scheduled to be in the April 2020 and was postponed due to the pandemic. Since we have now come almost out of the gloomy pandemic, the 50th anniversary will be celebrated with twin exhibitions — Kreedaa Kaushalya and Hasti Mangala.

The twin exhibitions will be inaugurated at Ramsons Kala Pratishtana, opposite Zoo, tomorrow (Apr. 24) at 6.30 pm.

S. Murugan, Additional Director General of Police, Bengaluru, D. Mahendra, Chairman, Karnataka Lalita Kala Academy, Bengaluru, R. Guru, Chairman, NR Group, Mysuru, Nadoja Dr. V.T. Kale, senior artist, Sandur, will be present during the inaugural.

The expos will be open to public from Apr. 25 to Dec. 31 between 10 am and 7 pm.

Hasti Mangala

Elephant has captured the imagination of poets, kings, artists, bards, and commoners of India since time immemorial. The beauty, strength, enormity and majesty of an elephant evokes awe and fascination in its onlooker. It is hailed as a gentle giant with its ambling gait. Its highly dexterous playful trunk, the swaying enormous ears and majestically curving tusks give an impression of stateliness to these giants of the forests.

Elephant is the unofficial mascot of Mysore. During the days leading up to the Dasara festivities, the roads of Mysore become the runway for umpteen elephants who finally are the show-stealers at the Vijayadashami Jumboo Savari. Naturally, elephant has been one of the favourite motifs for the Indian artist. Every corner across the length and breadth of our country abounds in art with varied and stylised form of an elephant. It is a recurring motif in temple carvings, forts, palaces, textiles, coins, paintings, sculptures etc,.

Ramsons is celebrating the 52nd anniversary through the unique expo featuring the motif of the elephant in different traditional and contemporary art and crafts of India — Hasti Mangala.

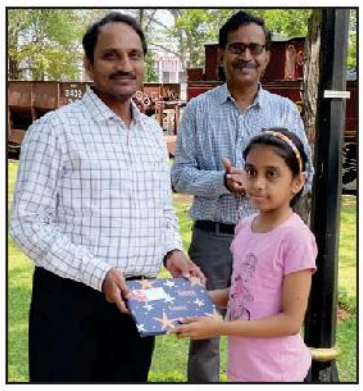
Kreedaa Kaushalya

The 9th edition of the popular exhibition of traditional board games will feature about 30 varieties of indoor board games.

The games that can be found in this expo are — Chauka Bara, Adu Huli, Pagaday, Chaduranga, Aligulimane, Paramapada, Sixteen Sepoys, Panchi, Vimana, Pancha Keliya, Nav Keti Keta, Pretwa, Hasu Chirate, Huli Kallu, Egara Guti, etc. The boards of these games have been conjured in various craft traditions from across the country like — rosewood inlay of Mysore, Kalamkari of Sri Kalahasti, Silk Embroidery of Ahmedabad, pit-loom dhurry weaving of Solapurand wood lacquerware from Channapatna, etc.

This year the design wing of Ramsons has brought game boards and pawns exclusively from the craft forms of Karnataka. Navalgund jamkhanas have been reimagined to incorporate Chaukabara game patterns along with the traditional ones which have Pagaday pattern. The colourful game boards are created in Lambani embroidery on cotton cloth. Silk gameboards with zari woven patterns of games are colourful and beautiful. Ornately carved and inlaid round teapoys have been created in the rosewood inlay craft of Mysore.

Winners of 'Railways to go green' drawing contest



Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, distributing prizes to first place winners — Deepanjali Prinsa** (left) **of St. Mary's Convent, Tumakuru (12-15 years category) and Vedashri Walimbe of St. Joseph's Central School, Mysuru (5-11 years).

Prize-winning paintings of Deepanjali Prinsa** (left) **and Vedashri Walimbe.

Mysuru, Apr. 23- Coinciding with the International Day for Monuments and Sites-2022, a drawing/painting competition was organised by the South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division on Apr. 18 on the premises of the Mysuru Rail Museum in city.

The theme for the competition was 'Indian Railways to go green by the year 2030.'

The Indian Railways, incidentally, have an ambitious goal of becoming a net-zero carbon emissions organisation by 2030 through 100% electrification, reduction in energy consumption and meeting energy demand through renewable energy.

This competition was open to students in two age groups — 5-11 years and 12-15 years. Over 100 students showcased their skills and creativity by bringing out astonishing images underscoring the importance of cutting down fossil fuels which have had disastrous consequences for future generations.

A three-member jury comprising Senior Branch Officers of the Mysuru Division evaluated the drawings.

Deepanjali Prinsa of St. Mary's Convent, Tumakuru, Sanvi Harish of St. Joseph's Central School, Mysuru and C.P. Nikhitha of Christ Public School, Mysuru, won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively in the age group 12-15 years while Vedashri Walimbe of St. Joseph's Central School, Mysuru, Dhriti V. Shah of the same school and Prem Sagar Gulab Rathode of Podar International School, Mysuru bagged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively in the other group of 5-11 years.

B. Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, gave away the prizes in a simple function held later in the Rail Museum.

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Wimbledon bans Russian, Belarusian players from 2022 Tournament

London, Apr. 23- Wimbledon has banned Russian and Belarusian players from the 2022 tournament in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

The All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC), which runs Wimbledon, said they were acting to "limit Russia's global influence through the strongest means possible". Russian men's World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev and Belarusian female World No. 4 Aryna Sabalenka are the leading players affected by the ban.

"In the circumstances of such unjustified and unprecedented military aggression, it would be unacceptable for the Russian regime to derive any benefits from the involvement of Russian or Belarusian players," an AELTC statement said.

"It is therefore our intention, with deep regret, to decline entries from Russian and Belarusian players to Wimbledon."

Russia's Andrey Rublev is currently eighth in the ATP rankings, while his compatriot Karen Khachanov is in 26th place.

Russian World No. 15 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Victoria Azarenka of Belarus are two of the other top female players who will miss the grass-court Grand Slam.

The Lawn Tennis Association has also banned Russian or Belarusian players from competing in British grass-court tournaments.

Wimbledon, the most high-profile of tennis's four Grand Slam events, runs from June 27 to July 10 this year.

At present, Russian and Belarusian players are still able to compete at the French Open, which starts in May.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 23)

- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kadamba Rangavedike, Mysuru:** Book release — K.S. Pradeep Kumar's book 'Kamanabillu' (poetry compilation) — by poet-writer Sathish Javaregowda, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna chief guest, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides, Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba will be present, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Book Release:** Releasing of 7 works of Dr. H.R. Krishnaiah Gowda, a noted economist and Co-operator — Tumkur University Registrar (Administration) Dr. K. Shivachittappa inaugurates, MLC Marithibbegowda presides, Hotel Siddartha, near Hardinge Circle, **5 pm.**
- **Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Mysuru:** Church Dedication and Public Meeting, Dedication Service, **4 pm;** Public Meeting, Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa of Chennai-Bengaluru Diocese presides, Divya Sara Thomas, Deputy Director, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru, delivers keynote address, Hebbal, **5 pm.** [0821-2481932 or Mob: 94811-48329]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru:** 'Guru - Shishya Nrityollasa' — An evening of Bharatanatyam by Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke and her disciples Amrutha G. Bhat and N.S. Ranjitha — Musical Ensemble: Nattuvanga - Pooja Sugam, Vocal - Vid. Nandakumar Unnikrishnan, Mridanga - Vid. Lingaraju, Flute - Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2460651]
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 132nd Sri Ramotsava celebrations, Shayanotsava, cultural programme - Classical Music Concert by Sangeetha Vidwan Keerthana and troupe, Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 97407-82020].
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Vaasamsi Jeernani' by students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya [Translated to Kannada by Girish Karnad and directed by Gopalakrishna Nayari], Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 24)

- **Ulume Prathishtana, Huyilalu village, Mysuru taluk:** Convention on 'Global Climate and Agriculture,' Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10 am.** [Mob: 81978-56132]
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Samvahana Prakashana and Likith Prakashana, Mysuru:** Senior journalist M.R. Shivanna Memorial Programme and releasing of Champa Shivanna's books *Malenada Mallige, Manase Mandara, Olume Chilume, Vanasuma and Raga Mallige* by JSS Mahavidyapeetha Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, retired Tahsildar and writer Dr. V. Ranganath, Assistant Professor Mysore Krishnamurthy, lecturer Dr. Mahendra Murthy; Sri Trinethra Mahanata Shivayogi Swamiji graces the occasion, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat-Bengaluru President Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy inaugurates, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides, Sirigannada Vedike State President A. Hemaganga speaks about late Shivanna, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota Mysuru President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Prakashana and K.C. Omkarappa of Likitha Prakashana will be present, Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan, M.G. Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Kannadigara Bhuvana Sangati:** 22nd anniversary, Sri Jnanaprakasha Swamiji of Urilingapeddi Mutt graces the occasion, MLC A.H. Vishwanath inaugurates, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah presides, Hotel Govardhan, Sriharsha Road, **11 am.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Gana Vaidyaloka, Mysuru:** Dr. Rajkumar's 93rd birth anniversary celebrations, Dr. Rajkumar Musical Nite, senior theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba inaugurates, senior theatre director H.S. Umesh speaks about Dr. Raj, Gana Vaidyaloka Hon. President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna delivers keynote address, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Gana Vaidyaloka President Dr. T. Ravikumar will be present, singers - Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Dr. T. Ravikumar, Dr. A.S. Poornima, Dr. P. Chandrashekar, Latha Manohar, Dr. Shyamaprasad, C.S. Vani and Dr. Shivakumar, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Sri Mateyavara Dyavatva,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 132nd Sri Ramotsava celebrations, olagudi utsava, classical music and harikathe by Vani and Veena sisters, Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 97407-82020].
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Vaasamsi Jeernani' by students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya [Translated to Kannada by Girish Karnad and directed by Gopalakrishna Nayari], Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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TODAY'S MATCHES (APRIL 23)

KKR Vs **GT** — 3.30 pm
DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai

RCB Vs **SRH** — 7.30 pm
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TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 24)

LSG Vs **MI** — 7.30 pm
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